



November 13, 2017



# Owl Post

The official weekly newsletter  
of Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA

## Upcoming Events



**November 16**  
**Picture Retakes**  
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**November 17**  
**Spirit Wear Day**  
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**November 18 – December 8**  
**Online Book Fair Open**  
Use code **FALLFAIR** (save 15%)  
[Book Fair](#)

**November 20 - 22**  
**No School**  
Parent/teacher conferences

**November 21**  
**Lost & Found Cleared Out**  
Any items left donated to charity.  
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**November 21**  
**Advocacy Committee Meeting**  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
All are welcome!  
[southernstreetkids@yahoo.com](mailto:southernstreetkids@yahoo.com)  
Uptown Espresso & Game  
Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW

**November 23 - 24**  
**No School**  
Thanksgiving Break

**November 27 – December 1**  
**All for Books Campaign**  
Bring in your coins so teachers can  
build their classroom libraries.  
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## A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



STEM K-8's Veterans Day Assembly celebrated service and hard-earned freedoms through students' performances in the arts. Singing, dancing, instrumental performances, choir, band and more showed off the skills of our students. Thanks to all the performers and Ms. Nelson and Ms. Anisha for making it happen.

Hard to believe that we are already at family conference time!

Our goal is to conference with families regarding every single student. If you aren't signed up for a conference, please contact your child's teacher or the office to help connect you with them. Our families are our children's first teachers. During conferences we want to share how your child is performing, and also want to hear your thoughts, plans, and support for your children. As you meet with your child's teacher, think about how you might communicate the characteristics of your child that you love--what are you most proud of about your son or daughter? What are their strengths? What is important to you when you think about your child's education? What are your hopes and dreams for your child post-high school? Family conferences are a vital time for two-way communication; STEM K-8 staff are committed to partnering with families to understand and meet our students' unique needs.

Ben Ostrom  
STEM K-8 Principal

## Thursday is Picture Retake Day



Grey Sky Productions will be back at school on Thursday, Nov. 16. Return the entire contents of your photograph package to the photographer on retake day. If your child missed picture day, they can bring in the original order form or you can order pics online.

## Volunteer for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Fair Blizzard!

We need lots of volunteers to help make our Scholastic Book Fair a big success. You will receive a \$5 Book Fair gift certificate for every two-hour time-slot you volunteer for. Click on the SignUp Genius logo below.



## Upcoming Events (continued)

**December 6, 7 & 8**

### Book Fair Blizzard

2:10pm – 8:30pm (Weds.)

3:25pm – 8:30pm (Thurs.)

8:00am – 10:00am (Fri.)

5<sup>th</sup> annual blizzard of books.

Lookout for famous mouse reporter Geronimo Stilton!

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**December 7**

### Peter Pan Performance & Bake Sale

6:30 pm

STEM Cafeteria

**December 8**

### Peter Pan Performance

2:15 pm

STEM Cafeteria

**December 11**

### STEM Winter Band Concert

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Chief Sealth HS Auditorium

**December 13**

### PTA Meeting

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

STEM Library

**December 15**

### 1 hr early dismissal

2:25pm

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**December 18 – January 1**

### No School

Winter Break

## All for Books

Monday, November 27 is the start of our week-long *All for Books* campaign. We're raising money so teachers can build their classroom libraries during our Book Fair Blizzard (December 6, 7 & 8). The money we raise also helps readers beyond our school. Every year, Scholastic matches the *All for Books* money raised nationwide with a donation of up to one million books to the **Kids in Need Foundation** and **Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc.**

Monday November 27 - Penny Day

Tuesday November 28 - Nickel Day

Wednesday November 29 - Dime Day

Thursday November 30 - Quarter Day

Friday December 1 - Dollar Day (coins or bills)

(Of course, spare change will be accepted on any of the above days!)

Students can donate every morning at the school entrance between 8:20am and 8:50am. Our goal is to beat our record of **\$560**, raised in 2015.



*All purchases benefit the STEM K-8 Library and Classroom Libraries*

## Bring the Whole Family!

Wednesday, December 6 2:10pm – 8:30pm

Thursday, December 7 3:25pm – 8:30pm

Friday, December 8 8:00am - 10am

[Book Fair is also online](#)

(Nov. 18 through Dec. 8)

Use Code **FALLFAIR** for 15% off your online order

Here you'll find a bigger selection of books (from preschool to adult). You can also send wish-lists and e-cards to family and friends.

[Book Fairs App](#) Makes Finding the Right Book a Snap!

## Stay Connected

[PTA Website](#) – all things PTA (become a member, volunteer, shop and earn, how YOU can be involved).

[STEM K-8 school website](#) – our SPS school website (curriculum, staff details and more).

[STEM K-8 Facebook](#)



[STEM PTA Twitter](#)



[Principal Ostrom's Twitter](#)



[Principal Ostrom's Blog](#)



## STEM Library in Desperate Need of Shelvers

Even if you don't have time to help weekly, any extra help during the school day to shelve books in the library is much appreciated. With our growing school, Mrs. B. has more classes to teach and less time to shelve all the additional books that are circulating. If you can help, please e-mail Mrs. B. [mebannister@seattleschools.org](mailto:mebannister@seattleschools.org). Thanks!



## Upcoming High School Open Houses

[The Center School](#) Tues. 11/14, 6:00-8:00pm

[Nova High School](#) They have two types of sessions—a session for students only and a session for families. They consider both to be important.

Student only session. Wed. 11/15, 8:30-11:30am

Family session. Wed. 11/29, 12:30-1:30pm

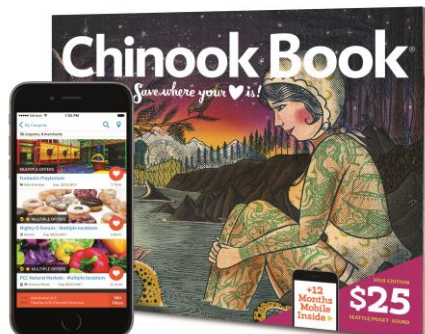
[Summit Atlas](#) (charter school in West Seattle): Tues. 11/28, 5:00-6:30pm

[West Seattle High School](#) Thurs. 11/30, 6:30-8:00pm

[Raisbeck Aviation High School](#) Thurs. 12/7, 6:00-8:00pm

[Cleveland STEM High School](#) Fri. 1/19; Sat. 2/2; Fri. 2/15—all 9:00-11:30am

## Chinook Book Still Available Online



The online link for Chinook Books is still open. All sales through this link benefit STEM K-8!

<https://chinook.co/k8stemelementaryschool>

Please cut and paste into your browser. Link does not work directly from this document.

Pass along this link to friends and family. They can buy a Chinook book for any area (not just Seattle).